Walk with the Bridge: Eashing and the River Wey

This month starts at one of the Godalming Minster churches - St Peter and St Paul's in Church Street Godalming. The walk follows the Wey valley to Eashing.

Length 4 miles
Ascent 65m

- Start outside the church and walk down Borough Road towards the river on the opposite side of the road to the church. Follow the footpath sign on the left through the car park and over the footbridge. Rejoin the road and go under the railway bridge
- Turn left on the footpath 20 metres after the bridge. Follow the footpath (known as Salgassens Path). The main flow of the River Wey is on the left, but other streams such as Hell Ditch are on the right. Stay on the tarmac path.
- After 600m, the path bears right and goes slightly uphill towards the backs of the houses in Peperharrow road. At the path T-junction turn left onto the path which goes along at the bottom of the gardens. This bears right eventually up to the end of Peperharrow road. Turn left onto the footpath which continues from the end of the road.
- 4. After 700m there is a garden and a
 - house on the left. Continue on the path and then follow the sign pointing left for the bridleway to Eashing.
- 5. After 800m, go through the gate and continue straight on where a track comes in from

- the right. Note a Second World War Pill box on your right and in the valley to your left.
- After passing some stables and houses turn left on the road through Eashing.
 Cross the Bridge (see below) - the bridge originates from the 13th Century and is now maintained by the National Trust.
- 7. After the Bridge turn immediately left onto the footpath by the river (alternatively follow the road to the Stag if you are in need of refreshment). The path starts to bear right uphill away from the river. Pass through a kissing gate into a field and follow the path.
- 8. Cross a stile by a cottage and turn left onto the road. Take care as there is not always a pavement or verge.
- 9. Turn left at the bridleway sign (Halfway Lane) and follow the tarmac road.
- Where the bridleway turns right, continue ahead through a gate marked



- "Far Cottage" (there is a footpath sign).
- 11. Ignore the road coming in from the right and continue down hill. Views open up towards Frith Hill on the left and the back of the Meath Home is
- eventually on your right.
- 12. Continue under the railway bridge and then turn left on Vicarage Walk to return to Borough Road.

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